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The 20. of Nouembre the king being departed from Cocuures to pursue the Prince of Parma and the Duke de Mayne, who were together: met in a great playne a companie of naturall Spaniardes, which he discomfited in the sight of the Duke de Mayne, where the Baron du Fort was hurt with a musket shot.

Since the 25. of the said moneth, his Maiestie remoued from Feres in Tartenois, vpon notice that was geuen him of the Prince of Parmas departing from Fismes, a small towne, where the riuer of Voette passeth thorowe, and marched directly after him, accompanied with eight hundreth launciers, and as many carbines, commanding the Baron of Biron to take 15. light horsemen, and send them for spies to get the watch word. In the meane while hee went into a wood lying vpon the right hand, accompanied onely with 25. horses. The spies of the said baron of Biron brought newes, that the enemy was departed from a smal village called Bazoge, and that they marched towardes Pontauers where the riuer of Esne passeth thorow. Vpon the same taue the king came into the said village, where he found none but certaine farmers and husbandmen armed,

and readie for to fight in his Maiesties behalfe. The king sent Monsieur de Fronterac, Chicot, and Dauerus to espie vpon S. Martins mount if the enimy had no ambushes at the foote of the hill, but they saw them plainely in an open plaine, their faces turned towardes Pontauers. His Maiesty passed the riuer of Voesle in the foresaid village, and commanded Monsieur de la Noue to march in all hast with his forces towardes Pontarsy, to stop the passage of the riuer of Ysne, when in the meane while hee went to pursue the enemy. And being somewhat forwarde in the plaine, espied some horses to follow him, with foure regiments of footemen, who arriued in the said towne of Frismes, and were appointed to conuoye the trunkes and bagage. If his Maiestie had bene supported with fiue hundreth horsemen more then he was, he would haue set vpon them: but fearing that his men would linger about the stuffe and carriage, it made him not to venture, but marched a great league within the plaine, sending the said baron de Biron with 25. lanciers before his cornet of light horse. Commanded also Monsieur de la Noue to send him ten soldiours out of euery companie, and to lodge and refresh the rest of the armie, which he did. Then his maiestie made fiue small squadrons of horsemen of 50. or 60. horses in euery troupe. The carbines of the enimy began to draw towardes the baron of Biron, whom his Maiestie did back a farre of, accompanied with the Lord Alfonze Lorse, and at the same time the said baron charged the carbines, in so much that of them eight or nine were slaine vpon the place.

The king being ioyned with him, the said Lord Alfonze shewed vnto his highnes the Duke of Parma, who wore at that time a flat crowned hat, a great ruffe, and a short mandilian furde, and was mounted vpon a gray horse, laying

ing his hand vpon his sword for to make his men to retire, and in a brauerie making his horse to leape sir or seuen times, the king doing the like of his side, being distant one from an other not much more then 100. paces. His Maiestie doubting that this retrait of the enimie, was onelye but to draw him further in, and so to compasse him with the whole bodie of their armie, at the arriuall of Monsieur de la Noue, who tolde him that he had seene vnto his thinking, all the enimies cauallerie and infanterie in battaile aray, commanded presently a retrait, and not thinking that the retire would fall so long, was forced to remaine foure houres in battaile aray before the enimy, who came armed vnto him. Whereupon he left to backe him, the Baron of Biron with his troupe of light horsemen, conducted by Monsieur de Sandall, who had left Captaine Brouſt and two companies of light horse twenty paces behinde him, to keepe the carbines in breath. An indiscrete, souldiour and one of his Maiesties troupes being fallen into the handes of the enimies light horsemen, began to crie aloude for aide, three went to helpe him, where captaine Brouſt receiued a shot in his left eie, where with hee fell dead from his horse. Hereupon the said baron de Biron returned directly towardes the enimie, and causing the dead bodie to be laid vpon a horse, and to be carried vnto the towne of Longauall, made a ferme standing vpon the top of the hill, from the which he could not come downe into the said village, incloſed with a lowe bricke wall, but through a straight and narrow way. His Maiestie thinking that the baron of Biron was indãgered, would haue commanded Monsieur de Sandall to giue a charge with his light horses, but ere long notice was giuen how he had preuented the enimie, and that his backe forces being ioyned with him, had together pursued the enimie more then a thousand paces in the

playne. The king knowing that beeing the narrowest of the way, where he was forced to passe through, his enimies did urge and presse him verie neere, thought it better to hazard certaine carbins that were with him, then to venture and call away his Nobilitie, caused therefore two companies, the one of S. Denis, and the other of S. Feliz, to light, and by these meanes there began a very hote skirmish. In the meane while all his Maiesties caualerie retired, the carbines also dismounted, and came furiously running from the hill into the said towne of Longauall where his Maiestie was. The shot also retired thither, but Captaine Felix in the retrait was slaine with one of his small shot, and one of his Maiesties light horsemen, and foure or fiue horses of the deadmens. The said hargebuziers had notwithstanding yet leasure enough to bring the Captaine away, drawing him by the legges into the village, and therewith they shut the gates upon the enimie, who with their swordes gaue many blowes upon the gates, and through the slites thereof with their pickes and launces. Our shot in the meane time killed a great number of them through the loopeholes that were in the wall, which when the enimie did see, he went to assault the place at an other side, in hope to come within the village, where he found the gates shut, but hauing gotten meanes to open it by the help of a countreyman, five of them entred, where presently they met Captaine Bonomouer, Captaine S. Denis, an a shot. The Captaine Bonomouer went directly towards them, and hauing thrown one downe with a short picke, caused the said shot to discharge his piece, who killed an other. The rest seeing this, they abandoned the place againe, and thereupon the said S. Denis shut the gates. The hargebuziers tooke their horses and followed the king, who left the town, where into the enimie presently entred. Wee leaue this village

lage and the towne of Pontarsy there lyeth a lwode, atthe side whereof his Maiestie placed his lanciers in battaile a, ray, to make thir standing sure, and so passing the wood, got the towne of Pontarsy, where all his troupes passed the ri, uer. The enimie went directly out of the village, standing still a while by the way, for feare of an ambush of shot, that might be lodged in the wood, but at last they passed through it, and met with the baron of Biron, who gaue them a charge, and slewe fiue and twentie or thirtie of them. His Maiestie caused Captaine Langemis company to light, who saluted the enimy with such a value of shot, that they kilde a great number of them, and thus they retired to the towne againe and passed the riuer. The duke of Parma began likewise to retire, encamping him all night there about, fearing an alarum, thinking that Monsieur de Neuers came behind him. Next morning 25. or 30. of the enimies carbines hauing lost their way, came before the saide towne, enquiring for the Prince of Parmas quarter: and being suffered to enter into the town, the inhabitants therof hauing disarmed them, threw them from the bridge into the water and drowned them. His Maiestie ioyned with Monsieur de Neuers the 27. of the said moneth, as also with Guiret and Parauall, who brought him certaine troupes verie well appointed, with the which they parting the said day from the Castle of Nisy, persued the enimie, marching towardes Larbre de Suyse: The successe of which pursute, you shall forthwith receiue.

Nevves from Daulphine.

THE Lorde Diguires hauing receiued the Kings commaundement by two letters of his Maiestie to warre against the Duke of Sauoy, thought it good to delay no longer the execution of his will. But vpon the receipt of his Letters, which was about the latter ende of Maie (hauing delayed his purpose vntill then, but onely for the lets and hinderances hee had in Prouence which was assaulted in diuers places by the leagers of Sauoy, Lionnois, and Daulphine) purposed to put in all haste the Kings commaundement in execution.

This deliberation was yet stayed for the aide which he in person was forced to giue to the Lord de la Valette, in the moneth of June and July, which were almost wholy spent in the affaires of Prouence, where they had so good a successe, that the enemy (hauing refused the combate, and lost the field) abandoned in token of his cowardnesse the Townes and Castels of Peruis, Pumichet, Vallansele, Montaignac, Soluiers, Pignauers, and Lorgis, some of them brought vnto the Kings obedience by force, and some by composition.

During this ablence, the Captaine la Cazette, being his Maiesties subiect, but yet affectionated vnto the Duke of Sauoy, compounded with the Duke vpon the taking of the Townes and Castels of Briancon, and Esiles, kept by those of the Neutralles, and hauing receiued commission to that ende, to leaue souldiours, expected the arriuall of foure and twentie Spanish companies for to bring his enterprise the more easier to effect by their aide and assistaunce.

The Lorde Deguisires informed of long time of his practizes, and foreseeing the importance of that losse, which should hinder and shut vp the passage of the Artillery and French armie, and leaue no way to come by any meanes in Piemont, practised so purposely with the chiefe inhabitants of the vallies: that by their meanes the house of Cazette was blowen vp, and he slaine, the fifteenth day of July. And so the Duke was there for that time preuented of his purpose.

This newes being brought vnto the Lorde Deguisires, it caused him to turne backe into Daulphine, and to march in all haste towardes d'Ambrum, where the deputies of the saide vallies did méete him, who (after they had declared vnto him the treasons of Cazette, by the papers which were founde in his house) bounde themselues by oathe to be faithfull vnto the King: and so they were sent backe againe, to bring the people that had sent them more affectionated vnto his Maiesties seruice and obedience.

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In the meane while the saide Lorde Deguisires being aduertised of the wauering, which the said death, voluntarie yéelding of that people, and the Towne of Briancon did cause, and knowing also, that those which were of the Kings side within the Towne, began to be incouraged, caused foure Cannons to be drawen and brought before that place. Which when they were planted, and a breach made, the enemy did parlée, in so much, that the Towne and Castell thereof were rendred at the last, being the sixtenth day of the moneth of August, by Clauison, who was appointed Gouernour by the Duke de Maine of that place.

From thence the Lorde Deguisiers went to Montgeure, to take Essiles vpon a contract which he had made long before with the Gouernour thereof. And séeing that this bargaine was made but in wordes onely, and that he was not sufficiently prouided to force the saide place, and that the Lorde de la Valette did daily sollicite him to giue aide to Saint Maximine, besérged by Martiningo, hée was contented to take, for that time, the oathes onely of the communaltie, who shewed themselues greately affectionated vnto the Kings seruice.

After this hée tooke his way towardes Prouence, and lodged the fiftéenth day of August neare vnto Barcelone. Salines an olde Spanish Captaine, being chiefe Colonell of the light horsemen of Piemont, during the Kinges warres, departed at that time from Barcelone, whereof hée was Gouernour vnder the Duke, and assaulted one quarter where one companie of the Infanterie of Boyst,

and twelue launces of the Lorde Brickmorte were lodged, who receiued them so valiantly, by the ayde of two other companies of footemen that came running thither in all haste vppon the noyse they hearde, that Salines leste fyre score of his men dead, and thirtie Spaniardes taken, sauing himselfe but with fyre other. Voluant Capitaine of the Dukes guarde was there also taken, and hurte, whereof he died wythin a day after, receiuing by his death a iust reward and punishment according vnto his deserts, because he had solde vnto the deceased Duke of Sauoy, after the death of the Marshall de Bellegarde, the Towne and Castell of Cramanolle, where he and his father were Gouernours of for the King.

The nexte day following, being the fyfteenth day of August, the saide Lorde toke by composition the Castell of Rosolez, which is the Dukes, and had there in garrison two companies of footemen that were permitted to departe with their armour, but leste their colours behinde.

After this exploite, continuing his waie, hée came into Prouence so fitly for those of Saint Maximine, that Martiningo aduertised of his comming (his army béing very weake and disordered) remoued his siege. And the Lorde Diguisiers now entered in the Country, to the end, that hée might there leaue some token of his comming, caused three Cannons to be brought before the Castell of Barles to batter it. And after a siege of eight dayes tooke it at his owne discretion the last day of August.

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During these iourneys the Duke of Sauoy, being accompanied with three thousand footemen or there-abouts, and foure hundreth light Horsemen came to besiege and batter with three Cannons, a Church called, Saint Paules, which the saide Lorde Diguisiers had but in passing by fortified, scituated in the dominion of the said Duke, foure or fiue leagues from Ambrum, and toke it by composition, the garrison thereof going away with their armour, coulours, and drumme in battaile aray, the verie same day that Barles was taken.

The same day also the saide Lorde Diguisiers beeing aduertised of the seege of Saint Paule, marched in all haste and diligence to succour it, with intent to offer the Duke a battaile, vsing to that ende so great a celeritie, that the third day of September hee lodged in Varret, three leagues from his Highnesse, who beeing dismayed at his sodaine and vnlooked for arriuall, toke the paines to retire in person the same night from the mountaine of Larche, and marched all that night with Linkes, beeing the nexte day followed by his owne forces, whereof some in the rereward were slaine and taken, and amongest other, Don Pedro de Vegiers a Spaniard, and archer of the Dukes safeguarde was taken.

The nexte day following, which was the firte day of the saide moneth, the Lorde Diguisiers was resolutely determined to force and assault Saint Paule againe, and although he had not his Cannons ready at hand, yet did hee lay seege vnto it, assaulting it with handiblowes, and hauing blowne vp the gates, and made a breach caused vpon

hundreth of the Souldiours that were within it, to be put to the Sworde taking none prisoner, but the Captaine de Strata, gouernour of the said place, and his Enfigne called Hercules Coueroof Millan. This Forte remained but foure dayes in the ennemies hande, and was taken againe in a skirmish which continued three houres, wherein, of the Kings side, but one Captaine was slaine, called Bolleuene, and some fewe Souldiours hurte, although that the Forte had Flanquers and Ditches round about it.

At the same time that the Duke did batter Saint Paule, he had caused his army with some parte of the forces of Sauoy and Piemont to march towardes the valley of Esiles, hoping by his forces which were of foure thousand footemen, and three hundreth horse, to sacke and spoile all the Countrie of Briancon, to batter Guilester, and ouer-runne Lambriuois. But the lorde Deguisiers beeing hereof informed, and desirous to disappoint the Duke of his purpole, presently after the taking of Saint Paule, which he raced vnto the grounde, toke his iourney towardes Briancon, and knowing that the ennemie, who was lodged in Cheumont, made preparation to force the passage of Selte, kept and fortified by the inhabitants of the valleis, sent thither Monsieur de Morges his nephew with his company of fiftie horsemen, and two Ensignes of footemen, and arriuing thither, vpon the point and instant that they were in a skirmish, he lighted with his men, and setting them in battell aray, incouraged so much the hearles of euery man, that the ennemy (assaulting in three sundry places the Forte and Bulwarks with fifteene hundreth footemen, and foure score or a hundreth men of armes,

armes) was repulsed, leauing fiue score of his men dead vpon the place: which happened vpon the ninth day of September.

The thirteenth day of the same moneth the lorde Deguisires arriued in Douley, three leagues from Esiles, where newes was brought him, that the Duke hauing sent one parte of his forces vnto Monsieur de Sonnes, was gone himselfe to Nice, which did cause him for to iudge, that the saide Sonnes, beeing newe strengthened with a newe supply of men, would aduenture and hazarde the bolder the combate. Whereunto the saide lorde desirous to haue and bring him, determined to batter Esiles, and to that ende brought foure Cannons from Ambrum, making them to passe the mountaines, and to be planted in sight of the place, not ceasing neuertheless to shewe himselfe euery other day before Chamois, where the saide Sonnes was. Who being greeued with his importunacie, left Chamois, and retired to Suze, where the saide lorde Deguisiers following him the fiue and twentith day of September, to viewe the place and to marke the countenaunce of his enemy, encountred him by chaunce not farre from Ialasse, and halfe a league from Suze, accompanyed with fiftéene hundreth harquebuziers, and fiue cornets of horsemen, whome he assaulted so furiously at the entring of the plaine, that the enemy being charged with one hundred and three score horsemen, was discomfited and put to flight, leauing foure hundred launciers dead vpon the place. Amongest whome were Clapot the elder, sergeant of the battaile, the lorde Montaignes and Valuernes. There were seauentéene head Captaines or chiefe officers slaine and taken. And-

monges the pyllonerꝛ was Clapot the yonger Marſhal of the campe, who alſo dyed two dayes after, Labras lieue-tenant of the Marqueſſe of Traforts cornet, the gouernour of Breſche, Captaine Triſolts of Sauoy, Captaine de la Riuier, , and the Captaine S. Orens. And if they had not retired in time, not one ſhoulde haue eſcaped. As touching the Generall Sonnes, he was left, in ſo much, that his men ſuppoſed him to be ſlaine till about midnight, that he came before the gates of Suze.

The day before being the fiue and twentith day, vpon aduice that the enemy ſhoulde make a courſe in Prerallo Monſieur de Briquemault was ſent thither, and arriued in good tyme with his cornet of light horſemen, and founde the enemy vppon his retire, of whome he caught a dozen.

The ſeuen and twentith day the lord Diguiſiers finding himſelfe renforced by thoſe of Ponts and Briancon, who had ſent vnto him two hundred Souldiours as well of their troupes as of the gouernours, and S. Sauuois companies, and two or three hundred ſhot, chaunged and altered wholy his purpoſe vpon Eſſiles, which begaunne already to parlée.

The reſt of that moneth was ſpent in the ſiege of Eſſiles, whereof the gouernour called Ponſonnes, and was there by the Duke de Maines appointment, ſeeing the ill eſtate of the Duke of Sauoys affaires, the Cannon planted, the lorde Diguiſiers fortified with newe ſupplies, all

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the commonalty bent against him, and no likelihode of any aide and releefe, yelded at last the towne vpon composition, that all the Soudiors shoulde freely departe with bagge and baggage, which happened the last day of September. And by these meanes the passage of the mountaines remained in the Kings power. And Daulphine was limited with his olde limites, long before fortified by the French Kings during the warres of Italie.

Xerte day after this yelding, the lorde Diguisiers hauing vnderstode, that Monsieur Morges his nephewe had assigned a day to fight fiftie against fiftie on horse backe with Generall Sonnes, conducted his nephew vnto the place appointed, where hee remained with his forces from nine of the cloche in the morning, vntill three of the clocke in the afternoone, without any appearaunce of the enemy, but by a Trumpetter, who brought a letter from Sonnes, the contentes whereof were, that vppon the resolution he had taken, he had demaunded the Infant her leaue, but had as yet receiued no answere.

The same day being the first day of October, the lorde Diguisiers in attending the comming of his enemie, had espied a passage neare Iallon, where the enemy had intrenched himselfe, and lodged eight companies of Infanterie, vnder the leading and conduct of the Generall Venast, and perceiuing by the saide Sonnes answere, that there was no more hope of the combate, determined to spend the reste of the day in assaulting the saide place, lying vpon the hanging of the mountaine, betweene Suze and Noualise. And hauing found meanes to lodge and place a hundreth Ar-

quettiers, who battered the enemy vpon the side of their Stoune, their trenches were forced, and foure score of them slaine, but he rest saued themselues by their swiftenesse. The saide Venuth, Captaine Cassard, and Charband, were slaine vpon the place, the Captaine Villars, and some other taken prisoners, in foure companies of Senton Maister of the campe were so scattered, that they cauld not since together.

From thence the saide lorde Diguisiers returned againe to Briles, and sent backe againe the foure cannons to Ambrun, causing at the same time two great peeces to be drawen from Gap to Barcellona, a place belonging vnto the Duke, and situated in the Countie of Nice, the which being besieged with his forces whom he had sent before, at his arrival with the Canons, battered the towne the Saterday following. And vpon the same day a breach being made, the enemy did parle, and yelded themselues, their liues saued, vnto him, leauing nevertheless their armour, coulours, horses, and baggage behinde them: except the Captaines who were permitted to departe with their Swordes vpon a hackney. Vnto the inhabitants was graunted the enioying of their goodes, abiding vnder the Kings obedience, as all subiects of his Maiestie, vpon condition also to pay fiue thousand crownes for the army and traight of the artillerie. The Gouernour called Coreloere, departed from thence the foureteenth day with three other forraine Souldiers, and with as many Citizens and Countriemen, who went to their houses vnder the Kings safegarde.

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The fourteenth day, the fame lorde lafte batterie before the Caſtell of Merans, which he battered but feuerely the fifteenth day, onely to bieue the enimenies countenaunce, who (being afraide of the cannon ſhot) nerre might falue themſelues, except thirtie of them that were taken priſoners by the watch. Here is the ſummarie of that which is paſſed in the beginning of this warre, where the lorde Diguiſires had neuer aboue three hundred horſes and twelue hundred ſhot, hauing alſo no greater enimeny then the inacceſſible height of the mountaines, where he was forced to paſſe his cannons, and chiefly in his iourney towardes Barcellona. But care and diligence did ouercome all difficulties. The praiſe whereof be giuen to God. Amen.

A Godly Praier and Thankes-giuing vnto GOD, for his wonderfull mercies, in preseruing and maintening the defendors of the truth, and discomforting of the enemies of the same.

Heauenly father, the Creator of all creatures, the strength of all armies, the King of all kings, and the worker of all wonders, we thy distressed seruants do humbly beseech thee to looke downe vpon vs from the throne of thy diuine Maiestie, and for thy mercies sake to take compassion on vs. We acknowledge (O Lorde) that our insolent actions, togither with our pride and wickednes of life, hath wel deserued thy wrath and heauy displeasure, so that the continuance of thy wrath these many yeares vppon thy Church, hath been no more then we haue iustly deserued. Nenertheless (heauenly Father) we presume vpon thy strength, and the multitude of thy mercies, & that therfore

fore thou wilt saue and defend all those that seeke to supporte the trueth. Let not thy heart be hardened against vs (O Lord) for thou art our father, Sauiour, and redeemer frō the beginning. We haue (O Lord) erred from thy wayes, and contrariwise, we haue hardned our hearts against thee: for which nowe we remaine sorrowfull. Notwithstāding let the inward sorrowes of our hearts (O Lorde) be an occasion to withdrawe thy wrath and heauy displeasure from vs, which bringeth no other then bloudshed, death, and destruction vpon our selues. Our enemies (Lorde) haue long sought to triumph ouer vs, and haue greeuously spoyled thy holy Temples, yea they haue made hauocke of thy creatures, and haue so little regarded vs, as though thou hadst neuer beene Lorde ouer vs, yea as though thy glorious Name had neuer beene called on by vs (O Lord) we beseech thee for thy mercie sake, let the malitious minds of those which seeke daily our confusion, boyle away as the water doth vp-

on the fire, that thy mightines may be thorowly knowne to thy enemies, and that they may treble at thy wonderfull works. Remember (O Father) that we are to thee as clay in the Potters handes, wee are the works of thy fingers, we are thy creatures, and therfore deliuer vs (O Lord) from this continual tribulation, where Syon is turned into a defart, and Ierusalem into continual desolation. The places of holy praier wherein our forefathers haue heretofore sounded forth thy glory, are now turned into heaps of fire, and continuall harbors for armed men, and our land brought to confusion, and the ground made like to a wildernes. Withdraw therefore (O heauenlie Father) the rod of thy wrath from vs, and thrust foorth thy merciful hand for our reliefe. Thou hast lately giuen to vs a taste of cōfort in this, that thy capitall enemy now liuing is retired, and by thy power cōstrained to fly from among vs, whom he intēded to daūt with his mighty armies, great looks and politike deuices, who notwithstanding

ſtanding the wonderfull reportes of his mightines durſt not hazard his quarrel vpō a pitched field with vs, although his forces were three to one. To thee therefore (O Lorde) we render all thankes, and humbly giue praiſe to thy heauenly Maieſty for ſhewing vs ſome comfort, by daunting our enemies, which had it not bin for thy out ſtretched arme (O Lord) we had remained in great daunger, nay, we had bin troden vnder foot like chaffe, and made foode for the foules of the aire. But thou haſt beene our defendor and onely comfort, thou haſt ſtrengthned vs that were but weake, and weakned them which in ſhewe are verie ſtrong. Continue, we beſeech thee, this thy goodneſſe to vs for thy mercy ſake, bleſſe our friends and welwillers: comforte our diſtreſſed eſtate, and ſuffer not our enemies to preuaile againſt vs: giue vs grace (O Lord) dayly to indeuour our ſelues to laud and magnifie the holy name of thee, who liueſt and raigneſt worlde without ende, Amen.

FINIS.